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TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY THURSDAY DEC 3RD 4:00 TO 8:00PM

Bring the kids, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends to the 6th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. There will be FREE activities for all ages. The kids can enjoy Storytime with Amy, crafts, a movie and more, while the adults enjoy the vendor booths, chestnut roasting, or relaxing with a warm cup of coffee. Family activities include mini snow golf, carriage rides, and of course pictures with Santa. Sit down, grab a bite to eat, and listen to the sounds of the Central Valley High School Orchestra, Jazz Choir and A Cappella Choir. A sing-along will follow the lighting of the tree at 7:30pm.

Schedule of events:

Carriage Rides/Mini Snow Golf	4:00—8:00
Chestnut Roasting	5:00—7:00
Pictures With Santa	4:00—7:15
Vendor Booths	4:00—8:00
Crafts & Movie Room	5:00—7:15
Storytimes	5, 6, & 6:45
Photo Contest Display	5:00—7:15
Food Drive Contest Drop-off	5:00—7:15
Music & Performances	6:00—7:30
Announcements/Sing-Along	7:30

Interested in having a Free display booth?
Call City Hall for more information.

For more information, visit our website:
<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/winter>
or call (509) 755-6726



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HOLIDAY BALL

By Laura Frank

Friends of Pavillion Park

The Friends of Pavillion Park will be hosting their 11th Holiday Ball on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at the elegant Davenport Hotel. Friends of Pavillion Park views this event as a community gathering as well as a fundraiser. It is a wonderful opportunity to get together with old friends, make new friends, and celebrate together as a community. The evening consists of a champagne reception, silent and live auctions, dinner, live music and dancing. The funds raised go directly back to the community to provide FREE concerts in Pavillion Park and neighborhood parks, FREE movies, college scholarships to Liberty Lake high school seniors, and supporting various community events.

Purchase Tickets:

ONLINE: at pavillionpark.org

BY PHONE: (509) 863-8645

Tickets are \$100 each or \$1000 for a table of 10.

For event information or to donate an auction item, please contact Laura Frank at (509) 863-8645, by email at pavillionpark@yahoo.com, or go to www.pavillionpark.org.



Official Website: <http://www.libertylakewa.gov/winter>

FOOD DRIVE: The City of Liberty Lake's annual canned food drive begins November 30th. We will be collecting donations for the 2nd Harvest Food Bank at City Hall until Dec. 18th. Donations of food or checks made out to 2nd Harvest can be dropped off during business hours or food can be left in the front atrium if City Hall is closed (each dollar donated is equivalent to 6 lbs. of food). 2nd Harvest leads a network of more than 300 food banks throughout the region. They provide more than 1 million pounds of food each month to those in need. Last year we brought in over 4,000 lbs. of food so our goal for 2009 is 5,000 lbs. Donations will also be accepted during the Tree Lighting Ceremony. For each item of food that kids donate, they will receive a ticket to be entered into a special drawing (or 6 tickets per dollar donated). The winner will be announced at 7:30pm, and will receive a special prize, and get to light the Tree! Take a minute on your next shopping trip to help the less fortunate this holiday season.

LETTERS TO SANTA: It's that time of year again. Children of all ages are invited to write a letter to Santa, and drop it off in the mail box at Santa's Workshop. The mailbox will be available starting November 30, thru December 18. Simply write a letter to Santa, drop it by, and look for a response in your mail. Santa will be sure to respond a few days before Christmas. Need help writing a letter? Check out our website. You can fill out a letter on your computer then print it, or print it out and fill it in by hand. Once it is filled out, be sure to drop it by Santa's Workshop!

CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR CONTEST: This year the Liberty Lake community can be a part of a free home decorating contest. Simply decorate your home for the holiday season and submit a registration form to City Hall by December 7th. All registered homes will be eligible to win, and be added to the Christmas Light Tour List. Mayor Wendy Van Orman will select the grand prize winner to receive \$500 which she is personally sponsoring. The grand prize winner will be announced on the City's website and in the Liberty Lake Splash on Thursday, Dec 17.

PHOTO CONTEST: See pg. 5 or visit our website for more information.

CARRIAGE RIDES: Rides offered on Fridays in December. Perfect for couples, family night out, or groups of up to 12. Each private ride is only \$45. See page 5 or visit our website for more information and to sign up. Rides are available every 1/2 hour. Reservations are required.

DECEMBER STORY TIMES LIBRARY UPDATES

By Amy Dickeson
Children's Librarian

By Pamela Mogen
Director of Library Services

LIBRARY UPDATES CONT

Do you have ideas for programs and activities we can host at the library. Please feel free to let us know! We are always interested in hearing what you have to say!

Read, Play, Discover Story Time will be featuring some new themes this winter. Please check out our website at www.libertylakewa.gov/library Look under Children's Library and Programs and Activities to see more about what Read, Play, Discover is all about!

TWILIGHT fans; be at the Library on Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30pm. Come dressed as your favorite character and plan to have some TWILIGHT fun! For questions, please call Tracy at 232-2510.

Halloween Party: A special thanks goes out to everyone that helped make the 2009 Halloween party a success. A record 300+ people turned out for the annual event. Our first ever funhouse was a huge hit as over 230 children and parents took the spooky tour in a span of just 90 minutes. Be on the lookout for our 2010 party which promises to be even scarier!



Come see the new Library!

23123 E. Mission Ave Liberty Lake, WA 99019
Phone: (509) 232-2510 Fax: (509) 232-2512

Chess is back! Starting in November, we invite you to come play chess in the library. Thanks to the generosity of one of our Library patrons, we now have ten mats and ten chess sets. He will also be teaching strategy on Saturday mornings from 10:30-11:30am. You can play chess the first and third Wednesday of the month from 6:00-8:00pm, or you can play chess the first and third Saturday of the month from 10:30am-1:30pm. We are encouraging people of all ages to learn this great game. Think of this as an escape from the cold weather that will be coming sooner than you might want!

An Adult Book Club is just around the corner. Due to the holidays, we will start in January 2010. There will be a Monday afternoon and a Thursday evening group. On Saturday, December 5th at 1pm we will hold a reception for those interested in the Book Club. We will feature possible books, light refreshments, and discuss timing of the new Book Club!

Library Value: Have you ever thought what you'd spend on your library's services in the marketplace? Has the library saved you money in these hard financial times? Click on the link @ the Library Catalog Webpage (www.youseemore.com/libertylake) and take the Library Value Survey. You'll be surprised!

Mondays

10:30am

Read, Play, Discover!
All Ages
HOLIDAY THEMED!
(Cancelled Dec. 28th)



Tuesdays

10:30am

Toddler/Preschool
Story Time
18+ months
(Cancelled Dec. 29th)



Wednesdays

4:00pm

Read, Play, Discover!
All Ages
HOLIDAY THEMED!
(Cancelled Dec. 23rd)



Fridays (Cancelled DEC. 25th)

10:15am

Baby Laptime
Ages 9 months—24 months

11:00am

Toddler/Preschool Stories & Songs
18 months and up

1:00pm

Stories and Crafts
3 years and up



Saturdays

11:00am

Read, Play, Discover!
All Ages
HOLIDAY THEMED!
(Cancelled Dec. 26th)

Q & A

HOW TO SUBMIT A QUESTION?

One of my goals as Mayor of Liberty Lake is to be as open as I can and give answers to some questions you may have. Hence, this special Question and Answer section in our newsletter gives you the chance to get those questions answered directly by me. Please send questions you may have to: wvanorman@libertylakewa.gov. I will try to answer most of your questions in upcoming newsletters. Until then, I look forward to meeting you.

MAYOR VAN ORMAN



To read more Questions & Answers visit our Q & A Web Page:
www.libertylakewa.gov/questions

Question to the Mayor:

"I read recently that the City of Spokane Valley raised their taxes by 2.9%. What is in store for the residents within the City?"

Answer from the Mayor:

"In forming the budget for this coming year, I believe in living within our means. We will be keeping our expenditures low and living within the revenue streams we currently receive, a 0% budget increase is what I have presented. Since 2001, we have either lowered or kept your taxes the same. The City of Liberty Lake has the 2nd lowest property tax levy in Spokane County. We remain committed to keeping your quality of life at our forefront. The economy, we hope, will make a slow rebound in the coming year. It will take all of us to help each other through this. Buying local will keep the tax dollars working for you, help keep the retail businesses successful, and employ your neighbors. We will maintain our City services and, by working with volunteers, can actually enhance our surroundings with events that bring us together."

Question to the Mayor:

"How can I get involved within my community?"

Answer from the Mayor:

"In this community, that is an easy answer! We have several clubs to get involved with....Try the Lion's Club, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Liberty Lake Community Theatre, Liberty Lake Tennis Association, Friends of Pavillion Park, Friends of the Library, SCOPE as well as others. We have many events and recreational opportunities to meet your neighbors. Join a book club,

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we wrap up the year with ribbons and bows, our gift to you is no increase in taxes, planning for the completion of Rocky Hill Park Phase II, beginnings of the Arboretum, and implementing the Directional Signage for our local businesses.

As I reflect upon the past year's accomplishments, we have come a long way! We have a new traffic signal, Rocky Hill Park Phase I, new Library, new Public Safety Building, Skate Park, street pavement management plan in place, an updated website: (www.libertylakewa.gov), transparency, and a variety of new and exciting recreational opportunities. All of this was done by careful planning, buying smart, and utilizing volunteers to make your dreams become reality.

Enjoy seeing the beautiful decorations throughout the community while snuggling up on a horse drawn carriage ride this month. Join us at the Free Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec 3rd. Remember your neighbors by becoming snow angels and helping each other out. Ask what you can become involved with in this coming year. It is because of your commitment that makes this community special. As I talk with each of you, I feel very blessed to be part of this community.

Mayor Wendy Van Orman

..... volunteer at the Easter Egg Hunt, or create a quilting or scrap booking group. It is the friendships that are gained throughout this community that make us great. Reach out and get to know your neighbors! We are in this community together!"

RECREATION PROGRAMS

TRAILHEAD GOLF COURSE UPDATE

By Mollie Thola
LPGA Pro

Seasons Greetings from
Trailhead Golf Course!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!! I am looking for someone who would be interested in running a "Men's Club" at Trailhead for the 2010 season. There have been many inquiries for a "Men's Club" at Trailhead. I would be happy to help in whatever capacity, but would need someone to run the club. Please call the Pro Shop if you would be interested in having a whole lot of fun every week in the summer!

Things are starting to wind down for the 2009 golf season. However, we have gift certificates, season passes for golf for adults, seniors and juniors as well as driving range season passes and multi-punch cards for all your holiday needs. The Pro Shop is open from 8:00am to 4:00pm daily for play and driving range as long as there is no snow on the ground!

For information about the 2010 golf season regarding tournaments, afternoon golf leagues, morning leagues, junior golf camps, lessons, adult group lessons or tee times, please call the Pro Shop at 928-3484.

Mollie



Sign Up & Pay Online!!
<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/recreation>



Carriage Rides

Whether it's fun with friends, family, or that special someone, there's no better way to get in the holiday spirit than by taking a private horse drawn carriage ride. Dates: Dec 4, Dec 11, & Dec 18 Rides are filling up fast so reserve yours online now or at City Hall! Cost \$45



Chiefs Hockey Tickets

Enjoy some great hard-hitting hockey action with the Spokane Chiefs! Purchase tickets at a special discounted group rate of only \$9 per person. 3 games remaining to choose from! Games: 12/18, 1/9, & 2/27 NEXT GAME FRI DEC 18th vs. Seattle



LEGO Holiday Crafts

Come join us for some Lego Holiday Crafts/Ornaments that you can make, and take home with you! Students will build a total of 6 crafts! DEADLINE: DEC 4! All supplies are included in this new class. Tuesday December 8th at Trailhead Ages 6 to 12. 3:45-5:30pm. Cost \$27.50



Lunchtime Basketball

New this winter, drop in basketball at the HUB. Drop in for a game or practice. Every Tuesday at the HUB. 19619 E. Cataldo Ave For all ages. Cost \$4.00 For more information, call 927-0602



Photo Contest

This contest is open to the public and entry is free. All approved submitted photos will be on display during the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 3 at City Hall. 2 winners will be chosen and awarded prizes. Entry Forms are available on our website or at City Hall!



GET INVOLVED WITH THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

Tuesday, December 1st

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Wednesday, December 2nd

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- Lions Club Meeting, 12pm, Guardian Angel Homes
- SCOPE Meeting, 6:30pm, City Hall

Thursday, December 3rd

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building
- Friends of Pavillion Park Board Meeting, 7pm, Greenstone
- *Tree Lighting Ceremony, 4pm to 8pm, City Hall*

Saturday, December 5th

- *Annual Friends of Pavillion Park Holiday Ball*
5:30pm to 12:00am, Davenport Hotel

Wednesday, December 9th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—2pm, City Hall
- Lions Club Meeting, 12pm, Guardian Angel Homes
- Planning Commission Meeting, 4pm, City Hall

Thursday, December 10th

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

Monday, December 14th

- CV School Board Meeting, 6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave

Tuesday, December 15th

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Wednesday, December 16th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- Lions Club Meeting, 12pm, Guardian Angel Homes
- Sewer/Water Board Meeting, 7pm, Denny Ashlock Building
- Meadowwood Homeowner's Assn. Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Thursday, December 17th

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

Monday, December 21st

- Youth Commission Meeting, 7:30pm, City Hall

Wednesday, December 23rd

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- Lions Club Meeting, 12pm, Guardian Angel Homes

Friday, December 25th

- *Christmas Day—City Hall Closed*

Monday, December 28th

- CV School Board Meeting, 6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave

Wednesday, December 30th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- Lions Club Meeting, 12pm, Guardian Angel Homes

Friday, January 1st

- *New Years Day—City Hall Closed*

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